

Appendix 1-5: Everglades Forever Act Annual Financial Report

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INTRODUCTION

The Everglades Forever Act (EFA) Annual Financial Report fulfills the yearly financial reporting requirements associated with the Everglades Trust Fund for implementation of the Everglades Forever Act. Section 373.45926, Florida Statutes (F.S.), as amended by Section 33 of Chapter 2011-34, requires the South Florida Water Management District (SFWMD or District) to annually provide Everglades Trust Fund revenue and expenditure information, including the amount of revenues deposited by source, unencumbered balance remaining at the end of each fiscal year, and detailed account of expenditures. This report is made available to the state legislature and public as part of the *2014 South Florida Environmental Report (SFER) – Volume I*.

The EFA Annual Financial Report presents Fiscal Year 2013 (FY2013) (October 1, 2012–September 30, 2013) information on revenues, expenditures, and fund balance, along with anticipated Fiscal Year 2014 (FY2014) (October 1, 2013–September 30, 2014) expenditures related to the EFA implementation. This information is summarized in **Tables 1-4** as follows:

- **Table 1:** FY2013 revenues
- **Table 2:** FY2013 expenditures
- **Table 3:** FY2013 unencumbered fund balance remaining in the trust fund
- **Table 4:** Anticipated expenditures for the next fiscal year, FY2014

Only revenues, expenditures, and unencumbered balances associated with the Everglades Trust Fund are included in these tables. Based on the District's fund structure, the Everglades Trust Fund is comprised of two funds: Everglades Restoration Special Revenue Trust Fund and Everglades Restoration Capital Project Trust Fund.

The financial information contained in this annual report is taken from unaudited FY2013 records. Audited FY2013 information is scheduled to be available during the second quarter of FY2014. Any changes to the financial information presented in this report will be reflected in the District's Comprehensive Annual Financial Report and in future Everglades Trust Fund Reports.

BASIS OF PRESENTATION

Accounting principles, policies, and practices of the District conform to generally accepted accounting principles (GAAPs) for state and local governments, and are structured in accordance with the Government Accounting Standards Board requirements. GAAPs require the use of fund accounting. A fund is a separate fiscal and accounting entity having a self-balancing set of accounts. Fund accounting is designed to segregate transactions related to certain functions or activities to ensure resources are applied to finance the activities and objectives for which the resources are received and to show compliance with legal and contractual obligations.

Table 1. Everglades Trust Fund revenues for FY2013¹.

Source	Total
Ad Valorem Property Taxes	\$35,648,535
Agricultural Privilege Taxes	\$11,593,566
Investment Earnings	\$947,977
Alligator Alley Toll Revenues	\$2,200,000
Miscellaneous Revenues	\$44,919
Total Revenues	\$50,434,997

¹ This information is provided prior to the completion of the SFWMD's annual audit and is subject to further adjustments.

Table 2. Everglades Trust Fund expenditures for FY2013¹.

Projects	Total Expenditures
Everglades Forever Act (EFA) Projects	
Restoration Strategies - Regional Projects Conceptual Planning and Design	\$2,099,432
Everglades Trust Fund Capital Projects	
EAA STA Compartment B - Design/Construction	\$118,831
EAA STA Compartment C - Design/Construction	\$648,224
Long-Term Plan: STA Operations & Maintenance	
Communications and Control Systems	\$3,048,992
Pump Station Modification and Repair	\$109,428
Structure Modification and Repair	\$95,244
Canal/Levee Maintenance and Canal Conveyance	\$226,444
Structure Inspections	\$759,621
Engineering Support	\$27,470
Contamination Assessments and Remediation	\$127,987
Pumping Operations	\$4,172,031
Construction	\$50
Structure Maintenance - Preventative	\$1,423,383
Structure Maintenance - Overhaul and Refurbishment	\$105,176
Pump Station Maintenance and Refurbishment	\$2,846,961
Berm and Levee Maintenance	\$596,965
Mowing	\$330,316
Canal Maintenance	\$384,448
Vehicle and Equipment Maintenance	\$1,220
Command and Control, Data Logger and Remote Telemetry Unit Maintenance	\$774,518
Flow Monitoring and Assessment	\$233,198
Aquatic and Terrestrial Plant Control	\$3,159,391
Permitting	\$36,122
General Maintenance	\$9,111
Compliance	\$2,371,285
STA Site Management	\$253,844

Table 2. Continued.

Projects	Total Expenditures
Everglades Source Control Program/Long-Term Plan Source Control	
EFA Regulatory Source Control Program	\$1,620,798
Long-Term Plan STA Optimization & Performance	
ECP Operations Monitoring	\$1,373,972
Analysis and Interpretation	\$1,299,859
Everglades Research and Evaluation	
Ecosystem Response to Hydrology	\$59,150
Multi-Disciplinary Research for Ecological Restoration	\$427,706
Scientific Project Support	\$277,409
Sulfur Action Plan	\$147,378
Program Management and Support	
Debt Service ²	\$19,486,658
Property Appraiser/Tax Collector Fees	\$952,402
Everglades Program Support	\$1,379,295
Total	\$50,984,320

¹ Expenditures are budgeted in two funds: Everglades Restoration Trust Special Revenue and Everglades Restoration Trust Capital Projects Funds.

² This represents debt service payment in FY2013 on the Certificates of Participation issued in 2006 (FY2007) to fund project construction.

Table 3. Everglades Trust Fund unencumbered fund balance for FY2013¹.

	Total
Fund Balance as of October 1, 2012	\$95,425,005
Add: Revenues	\$50,434,997
Less: Expenditures	(\$50,984,320)
Fund Balance as of September 30, 2013	\$94,875,682
Less: Encumbrances - as of September 30, 2013	(\$921,231)
Less: Designated Fund Balance ²	(\$17,901,941)
Unencumbered Balance as of September 30, 2013	\$76,052,510

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² This represents the usage of fund balance to fund the following year's budget.

Table 4. Everglades Trust Fund anticipated expenditures for FY2014¹.

Projects	Total Anticipated Expenditures
Everglades Forever Act (EFA) Projects	
Restoration Strategies - Regional Projects Conceptual Planning, Design and Construction	\$15,870,836
Everglades Trust Fund Capital Projects	
EAA STA Compartment B - Design/Construction	\$21,797
Long-Term Plan: STA Operations & Maintenance	
Communications and Control Systems	\$201,455
Pump Station Modification and Repair	\$36,896
Canal/Levee Maintenance and Canal Conveyance	\$46,000
Structure Inspections	\$949,578
Survey Support	\$2,000
Contamination Assessments and Remediation	\$160,798
Pumping Operations	\$9,155,086
Structure Maintenance - Preventative	\$2,242,653
Structure Maintenance - Overhaul and Refurbishment	\$120,651
Pump Station Maintenance and Refurbishment	\$2,747,630
Berm and Levee Maintenance	\$849,801
Mowing	\$371,739
Canal Maintenance	\$200,703
Vehicle and Equipment Maintenance	\$90,524
Command and Control, Data Logger and Remote Telemetry Unit Maintenance	\$1,803,835
Flow Monitoring and Assessment	\$82,114
Aquatic and Terrestrial Plant Control	\$3,120,619
Permitting	\$40,504
General Maintenance	\$84,000
Compliance	\$2,057,826
STA Site Management	\$188,948

Table 4. Continued.

Projects	Total Anticipated Expenditures
Everglades Source Control Program/Long-Term Plan Source Control	
EFA Regulatory Source Control Program	\$1,696,078
Long-Term Plan STA Optimization & Performance	
ECP Operations Monitoring	\$1,871,350
Analysis and Interpretation	\$912,730
Everglades Research and Evaluation	
Ecosystem Response to Hydrology	\$27,846
Multi-Disciplinary Research for Ecological Restoration	\$481,613
Scientific Project Support	\$348,605
Sulfur Action Plan	\$34,304
Program Management and Support	
Debt Service ²	\$19,458,825
Property Appraiser/Tax Collector Fees	\$1,174,007
Everglades Program Support	\$1,716,765
Total	\$68,168,116

¹Anticipated expenditures are budgeted in two funds - Everglades Restoration Trust Special Revenue and Everglades Restoration Trust Capital Projects Funds.

²This represents debt service payment for FY2014 on the Certificates of Participation issued in 2006 (FY2007) to fund project construction.